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In re Application of:

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RANDOM ARRAY OF MICRO-SPHERES FOR THE ANALYSIS OF NUCLEIC ACID USING ENZYME DIGESTION

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Amendment

In response to the Office Action mailed September 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.